

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO USDOC WASHDC PRIORITY  
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FOR OPIOS, MARY INCUSSA AND STATE: AF/W

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BTIO, BFOL, EQUIP, EAID, SEDU, NI  
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO. U.S. VISIT

REF: (A) LAGOS 789, AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. BACKGROUND: FMG INTERMINISTERIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THIS FIRM, WHICH IS TO BE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY PRIMARILY FOR SCHOOL TEXTS, WAS DUE IN U.S. 20 JAN TO BEGIN TOUR OF SEVERAL SELECTED FIRMS INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURE OR TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIP. GROUP DID NOT LEAVE ON SCHEDULE AND MAY NOW BE DELAYED UNTIL SOMETIME NEXT WEEK DUE TO QUOTE LAST-MINUTE HITCH UNQUOTE WHICH INFORMED SOURCE EXPLAINED TODAY.

2. SOURCE SAID FMG COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) OF EDUCATION FIRST LEARNED OF TRIP ONLY JAN. 18, DAY GROUP WAS TO DEPART. WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT GROUP DID NOT PLAN TO CONTACT FIRM OF WALTER YOUNG, BROTHER OF OUR USUN AMBASSADOR, HE INSISTED THAT FIRM BE INCLUDED. THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONTACT BETWEEN YOUNG'S FIRM AND EDUCATION MINISTRY OR COMMISSIONER ON THIS PROJECT. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO HAD BEEN

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MOST ACTVIE ON PROJECT SAID YOUNG FIRM'S PROJECT PROPOSAL HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND COMMITTEE CONCLUDED FIRM LACKED CHARACTERISTICS IT SEEKS FOR THIS PROJECT. WHEN COMMISSIONER INSISTED, ONE MINISTRY WITHDREW FROM COMMITTEE, CAUSING DELAY WHILE TRIP IS RECONSIDERED OR REORGANIZED. SURVIVING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROBABLY WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY NEXT WEEK. EMBOFF SAID USG COULD NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL FMG DEBATE BUT THAT YOUNG

FIRM MIGHT BE ADDED TO ITINERARY AND PERHAPS CONSIDERED FOR  
A CONSORTIUM IF APPROPRIATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC PLEASE ADVISE FIRMS ONLY THAT  
TRIP DELAYED INTO NEXT WEEK.  
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